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SUBJ: GHANAIAAN PURCHASES OF NIGERIAN CRUDE

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1. GHANA IS BALKING AT PURCHASING NIGERIAN CRUDE UNDER NEW PRICING ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH REPORTEDLY 24 CENTS HIGHER SINCE NEW YEAR. GHANAIAAN UNDERSTANDING IS THAT U.S. COMPANIES ACQUIESCING IN NEW PRICE, CAUSING DOMINO EFFECT AMONG CONSUMERS, PRESUMABLY TO INCLUDE EVENTUALLY A RELUCTANT GHANA.

2. FOREGOING REPORTS VIEWS OF J.V.L. MENSAH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GHANA SUPPLY COMMISSION (GOG AGENCY WHICH IS SOLE PURCHASER OF CRUDE FOR GHANA'S REFINERY), STATED TO E/C COUNSELOR JAN 14 DURING CALL ON ANOTHER MATTER.

3. MENSAH CLEARLY IMPLIED GHANA NOT RPT NOT GETTING ANY SPECIAL PRICE FROM NIGERIA. MENSAH SAID HE HAD BEEN INVITED

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TO NIGERIA TO DISCUSS NEW PRICE BUT DECLINED TO GO.

4. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, MENSAH SAID GHANA SOLD PRODUCT TO NIGERIA FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT NOT RPT NOT ON REGULAR BASIS BECAUSE IT UNAVAILABLE FROM REFINERY. HE CLAIMED LAST SALE WAS FROM SURPLUS GASOLINE RESULTING FROM NO SALES TO PRIVATE CUSTOMERS IN GHANA FOR 24 HOUR PERIODS BEGINNING 6 PM EACH SATURDAY. COMMENT: OUR INFORMATION IS IN FACT THAT VERY LITTLE DROP IN CONSUMPTION RESULTED FROM THIS MEASURE. BLACK

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